Export of raw jute

964. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export raw jute in 1990-91 season;

(b) if so, what is the existing carry-over stock of bales and what is the 1989-90 anticipated crop;

(c) by what percentage the domestic demand is likely to be met with the carry-over stock and the crop anticipated; and

(d) by what percentage the raw jute prices have risen since the beginning of 1990?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Government have decided to permit export of raw jute during 1990-91 keeping in view the size of the crop and with a view to imparting stability to the raw jute market. Actual export will, however, be permitted depending upon the market situation. The carry over stock of the last season is estimated to be around 13 lakh bales, while the crop production during that season was around 72 lakh bales.

(c) The entire domestic demand of the industry including the requirement for export manufacturing will be met within the estimated crop production of 1990-91 and the carry over stock.

(d) The price of raw jute has been ruling high continuously during January—June 1990. The average increase in price of raw jute has been roughly over Rs. 352/- per quintal above Minimum Support Price which works out to increase by 90.36 per centage.

Power shortage at Bokaro Steel Plant

965. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bokaro Steel Plant has been facing acute power shortage resulting in substantial production loss;

(b) if so, what is the extent of power shortfall and since when the Plant is facing power shortage;

(c) what is the estimated loss in production in terms of quantity and value due to power shortage;

(d) which of the other steel plants have been facing power shortage and since when and also the extent of power short-fall and estimated loss in production; and

(e) what measures have taken by Government to ensure normal power supply to the steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) Though, Bokaro Steel Plant has been facing the constraint of power supply for a long time, the problem has become most acute since the last two years. In Bokaro Steel Plant, the total duration for which the power supply has been below the requirement this year was as follows:

(No. of Hours)

	Requirement of power for Bokaro Steel Plant		Duration for which power supply was lower than	
	Average (MVA)	Peak(MVA) (MVA)	Average Requirement	Peak Requirement
April	87	145	338(42%)	448(62%)
May	87	145	425(57%)	502(67%)
June	87	145	171(24%)	444(62%)

(figures in brackets are % of total hrs. in the month)